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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 9 as set forth in the complete listing below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) An improved fashion doll stand, for single-legged support of popular posable fashion dolls, said improved fashion doll stand comprising:

a shaped base having a center of gravity; and

a leg support comprising a hollow contoured sleeve conforming to a leg of said doll, said leg support being defined by a frontal opening to bare the leg, an annular 360 degree collar above said frontal opening for supporting a calf of said doll, and a lower recess beneath said frontal opening for seating a ball of said doll's foot with toes extending outward through said frontal opening, said leg support being attached beneath said frontal opening to said shaped base perpendicularly through its center of gravity;

whereby said fashion doll stand provides sturdy two-point support around said calf and at the ball of said foot for lateral, horizontal and rotational stability.

2. (Previously Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The improved fashion doll stand according to claim 1, wherein said frontal opening of said leg support provides an unobstructed frontal view of a length of said doll

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4. (Previously Presented) The improved fashion doll stand according to claim 1, wherein the shaped base and leg support are integrally molded in one piece of a molded plastic.

5. (Previously Presented) The improved fashion doll stand according to claim 1, wherein the shaped base and leg support are integrally molded of transparent plastic.

6. (Previously Presented) The improved fashion doll stand according to claim 1, wherein the shaped base is formed separately from the leg support, and is defined by a socket for press-fit insertion of said leg support.

7. (Previously Presented) The improved fashion doll stand according to claim 1, wherein the shaped base is formed separately from the leg support from a concave section of pliable material having a central hole, and said leg support is formed with a horizontal platform, the shaped base being insertable via said hole over the leg support until seated atop said horizontal platform.

8. (Previously Presented) The improved fashion doll stand according to claim 1, wherein a fashion doll correctly mounted by the user, maintains mechanical equilibrium and orthogonal stability in a variety of upright positions because the center of gravity of said combination is

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maintained on a vertical line that passes through the center of gravity of said stand.

9. (Canceled)